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further including a second device for demodulating first information from the first electrical signal modulated on the first optical signal, the second node further including a third device for modulating second information on a second electrical signal, and the second node further including a fourth device for converting the second information modulated on the second electrical signal into a second optical signal at the first frequency.

REMARKS

A clean copy of the amended claim is enclosed on a separate sheet. With the preliminary amendment filed with the application, Applicants sought to delete multiple dependencies. However, Applicants neglected to delete the multiple dependency of claim 6. This was pointed out to Applicants in the notice to file the signed declaration, a copy of which is submitted herewith with the RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U. S. C. 371. This second preliminary amendment is submitted to correct that oversight. With the entry of the foregoing amendments, the application is believed to be in condition for examination and allowance. Consideration of the claims, leading to their allowance and passage of the application to issuance, is respectfully requested.

Please charge any fees that might be due in connection with this Second Preliminary Amendment to our undersigned counsel's deposit account 10-0435 with reference to file 20568-68741. An extra copy of this authorization is enclosed for that purpose.

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